

## Seekonk Cultural Council Meeting Minutes

12/14/21 6:30-8:30pm

At the Town Hall

Submitted by: Deborah Baldizar

**Members Present: Bill Clark, Ann-Marie Gillett, Deborah Baldizar, Christine DeCesare, Rob Emlen**

- I. Greetings and announcements
  - a. Discussion of new website – everyone enjoyed it. A bit confusing that there were two ways to view the grants. Christine looked at the panel book so her order of grants was different. Maybe mention it next year so we all view it the same way.
  - b. Christine mentioned that the Senior Center is not crediting the SCC or MCC as sponsors of their events. We should follow up with them to emphasize the importance.
- II. Decided to host another Celebrate Seekonk Day SCC sponsored event in 2022
  - a. A separate committee will be formed to plan and deliver the event. Details to be determined.
- III. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$6,354.87
Grants paid in FY 22 (7)	\$4,580
Grant outstanding (1 - Happy Holidays)	\$350
Subtotal	\$1,425
New Allocation	\$8,000
<b>Total for Granting 2022</b>	<b>\$9,425</b>
- IV. Review and discuss 33 grant applications
- V. Made final decisions on grant applications
- VI. Assign SCC member to each of the grantees
- VII. Review of 2022 Grants
  - a. We discussed all 33 grants. We chose to award 18 of the 33 grants
- VIII. Grantee Adoptions
  - a. Idea was shared for Council members to adopt a location and then build and maintain a relationship with that location to keep them informed of the Grant deadline and find out when events are occurring so as to share with the rest of the council members and the community at large.
  - b. Members adopted the following locations.
    - i. Rob- Senior Center
    - ii. Bill - Library Events
    - iii. Ann-Marie- Attleboro Arts Museum
    - iv. Deborah- Seekonk Elementary Schools
- IX. Direct Funding for Grants
  - a. Christine suggested we discuss this topic before June:

- i. The MCC has a Direct Funding option where grantees could have the money directly deposited to their accounts at time of award. If we want to do this we need to let MCC know in August.
- ii. We should discuss and weigh the pros and cons to be prepared with our answer.

X. Next steps:

- a. Bill sends notice to all grantees.
- b. Members follow up with their appointed grantees.

XI. 8:42 Meeting Adjourn